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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action of November 16, 2001 imposing a restriction requirement in the above-captioned application. The shortened one month statutory period for response to the Office Action expires on December 16, 2001.

This response is timely filed. Therefore, Applicant believes no fees are due for this filing. However, should any fees be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.